

## **BRENDAN MILLS**

Hello members of ASHS,

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Brendan Mills a 52 yr old Agricultural Contractor and farmer from, Minhamite in South West Victoria. I am currently Vice president of the Western Victorian Branch of the ASHS, having been the president for the previous six years. In that time the branch has grown to be one of the most active in the State with many improvements and additions to our grounds in the form of a Campdraft facility that took many hours to construct and get up and running thanks to the support of our hard working committee and members. It will be a facility that will be used by the future generations and one I'm proud to have been involved in. Family is extremely important to me and watching them compete very successfully in all disciplines in the ASHS world at royal, state and national level makes me extremely proud. We are so fortunate that in our sport we can ride along side every family member at competitions and branch days etc and I feel this is truly where our society has it in spades over many other sporting organisations. With my experience on committees since the age of nineteen I believe I will be able to bring to the board the voice of the grass roots members in an unbiased and level headed manner. I acknowledge the tradition and heritage of our Society and we need to be open minded and progressive to make it relevant well into the future. I am passionate about getting the younger generation involved more so the future of the society is set up going forward. I feel I am qualified in this area with many years of coaching junior football with the highs and lows and all that entails of bringing a diverse range of players together to achieve a common goal for the team. I found it a extremely, rewarding role and a great privilege. I look forward to representing our members in this fantastic organisation the Australian Stock Horse Society.

Thank You

Brendan Mills



## **MR HEATH SHADGETT**

My Name is Heath Shadgett, thank you in advance for taking the time to find out more about me and thank you for the nomination.

My family and I live just out of Tatura, Victoria. However I have lived and worked all over Australia, I was born and raised in Winkleigh, Tasmania coming from a mixed farming property. Life as a child was all about the farm, riding horses and playing football. At age 17, I enlisted in the army and spent the next 11 years serving our country. When I retired from the army I moved back to Tasmania and started my own business working as a plumber/gasfitter.

After relocating to Victoria almost 10 years ago due to family reasons, I decided to follow my dreams and started working with horses again full-time. I began working for some of the bigger thoroughbred studs to gain further experience. Whilst working with the thoroughbreds I began to see the value of the temperament of the Australian stock horse and quickly moved back into realigning myself with the breed exclusively.

Over this time I have studied the breed and its pedigree's in great detail I believe that we need to keep the Heritage lines strong and at the forefront of our breed as this is the foundation of our breed. I fully support the recent changes to the studbook to reflect this.

My first love is Polocrosse. I have played for many years and now enjoy playing socially in the lower grades but currently have a few horses playing in the top-level with other riders. In recent times I have attended state shows in SA, TAS and VIC as well as the 50th-anniversary National with my Stallion and young horses. I found myself amongst some amazing people and horses. Our stud has had a few successful years with awards and amazing young progeny through our breeding program.

I look forward to the future because The Stock Horse breed is becoming ever more popular with more people and for each discipline.

I have a strong work ethic, excellent communication and writing skills. Being in the army you would also know that I am very good at working in a team.

We all have very busy lives but this is something very close to my heart and as I am retired I can give my time too.

Kind Regards  
Heath Shadgett



## **Marylou Hodges**

### **Biographical Note:**

Hello, my name is Marylou Hodges and I grew up on a mixed livestock and cropping farm at Holbrook with horses and dogs always a part of our lives from a young age. I became a member of the local pony club and my sister and I would ride 8 miles into Holbrook every second Sunday for the rallies. I became a member of the Australian Stock Horse Society in the 1970s, when my dad decided we should have my mare registered with the ASHS. She was inspected at an assessment day at Culcairn by Bill Roycroft and duly registered with the society.

Roles held within the Goulburn Murray ASH Branch have included Vice President, Secretary, VMC Delegate and currently stand as a Reserve Delegate for SE Australia Management Council. I have also held the position of Secretary for VMC, prior to its name change to SE Management Council.

Career-wise I moved to Sydney in the mid 80s to work for the Royal Agricultural Society with British Sheep Breeds, then changed roles to work for CSR for a short time as well as a superannuation role in Melbourne. I moved back to Sydney in 1994 to work for the International Agricultural Exchange Association, a role which turned into a career for 21 years. I currently work for TAFE NSW, as an Education Support Officer with the Diploma of Nursing in Albury.

In 2008, the business was relocated to Albury, southern NSW, and I purchased an ASH yearling from Peter Taubmann of Montcalm ASH at Cudal. This gelding took us to our first ASHS Nationals, and we have not looked back, enjoying the experience, meeting the people and having a great time

Currently, I am a Director of Pony Club Australia Board, in my second term of two years. I have been a committee member of the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival Management Committee, as well as past Director for HHK Travel P/L. I am the current President of the Holbrook Show Society, as well as a Level one judge for ASHS and a NCAS Level 1 Coach and Assessor for Pony Club.

Ever since becoming involved with a member of Goulburn Murray Branch and my involvement with SE Australia Management Council, I have aspired to become a representative of the people and the state in which I am an ASH member. The opportunity to become a Director of the Australian Stock Horse Association to represent Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania would be an amazing one, and I thank the membership for the opportunity.

Thankyou

